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### **Michigan Army National Guard Soldiers return from Afghanistan**

**LANSING, MICH.**— Following a 12-month tour of duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, approximately 110 Michigan Army National Guard Soldiers from the Flint-based 125th Infantry Battalion return home. The Soldiers are scheduled to arrive at the Michigan National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters, on Friday, Sept. 28, at 7 a.m.

While in Afghanistan the unit had multiple missions to include a security mission in support of the International Security Assistance Force and an advisory mission to the Afghan National Police. Though the unit is headquartered in Flint, it has companies located in Detroit, Saginaw, Alpena, Wyoming, Big Rapids and Bay City.

Today, more than 1,500 Michigan National Guard Soldiers and Airmen are deployed across the globe in support of the global war on terrorism. However, as the Michigan Guard serves the nation abroad, more than 95 percent of the force is available, trained and ready to respond to a state emergency, including a terrorist event.

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### **MEDIA ADVISORY:**

Media is invited to attend the homecoming ceremony and should arrive early as the flight time is subject to change. The Michigan National Guard Joint Force Headquarters is located at, 3411 N. Martin Luther King Blvd., Lansing, Mich. For more information, contact public affairs representative Angela Simpson at 517-481-8135.